

North Carolina General Assembly House of Representatives

HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND REFORM COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT 76

May 23, 2023

Director Bob Schurmeier North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation 3320 Garner Rd. Raleigh, NC 27610

Dear Director Schurmeier:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§120-14, 120-19, the House Oversight and Reform Committee requests your appearance to testify on June 8, 2023, from 1:00PM until the conclusion of the hearing in the Legislative Building Auditorium.

On May 2, 2023, at a House Oversight and Reform Committee hearing, Kristi Jones, Eric Fletcher, and Angel Gray provided testimony regarding personnel issues involving senior positions within SBI. However, Ms. Jones repeatedly cited that State personnel laws did not permit her to fully answer the Committee's questions. We would like to provide you and Ms. Jones with another opportunity to testify regarding the issues you raised at our March 28, 2023, hearing.

This legislative committee pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §138.10 is a "public body" and "shall be open to the public." However, under N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(c), a public body "may hold a closed session" upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(1), a public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public "to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States." It is the intention of this committee to motion for a closed session so that Ms. Jones may truthfully and openly provide answers to this committee's questions.

We would like you to provide fully and truthfully:

- Testimony on the meetings held on October 3, 2022, November 22, 2022, and December 14, 2022, with Eric Fletcher and Kristi Jones.
- Details of any communications you have had with SBI General Counsel Angel Gray and Kristi Jones regarding staffing senior positions at SBI and your hiring authority.

- Details of any communications you have had with SBI Counsel Angel Gray regarding any duty of representation to the Governor's Office.
- Details of any communications you have had with SBI Counsel Angel Gray and Kristi Jones regarding any allegations of discrimination against you.

Please read this letter carefully to ensure that you comply with all hearing requirements and that you understand your rights as a witness.

Each witness who is to appear before the House Oversight and Reform Committee must file with the Committee Clerk a written statement of proposed testimony. This must be filed by close of business the day before your appearance. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the exclusion of your written testimony from the hearing record and/or the barring of your oral presentation of the testimony. Responses to questions at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes per response.

A witness appearing before the Committee must include with their written testimony, a current resume summarizing education, experience, and affiliations pertinent to the subject matter of the hearing.

Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel to advise them concerning their constitutional rights but accompanying counsel shall not directly respond to questions. We reserve the right to place any witness under oath. Finally, witnesses may obtain a transcript copy of their testimony given in open, public session, or in a closed session only when authorized by the Committee.

To fully prepare for this hearing, your testimony must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word (docx) or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format to Megan.Kluttz@ncleg.gov no later than 12:00 noon the day before hearing.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including assistive listening systems, interpreters, and materials in alternate formats, may be arranged by contacting the Committee Clerks in advance of the hearing.

Should you or your staff have any questions or need additional information, please contact Megan Kluttz at (919)-715-4466 or Megan.Kluttz@ncleg.gov.

Sincerely,

Rep. Jake Johnson

Co-Chair

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